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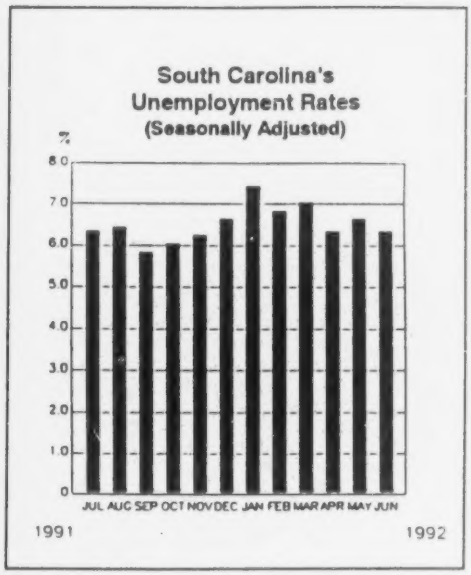

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Nonfarm Employment Declines...

South Carolina's economy, influenced by seasonal reductions in educational employment and less-than normal hiring in trade and services, registered a loss of 2,600 jobs in June. Government jobs declined 6,400 to 281,700 while private sector employment rose 3,800 to 1,220,300, placing total nonfarm employment at 1,502,000 for the month. Nonfarm female employment in the state tumbled 2,400 to 736,000 because of the high concentration of women employed in education. Unemployment dropped to 6.3% for June and remained well below the national rate of 7.8%.

Educational Downturn in Government...

In the state's public sector, educational institutions reduced their payrolls by 8,900 for the summer. The reductions involved noncontract staff. Other local government reported seasonal expansions of 2,000 jobs while other state government added an additional 300 workers. Overall, state and local government declined 4,700 and 1,900 in June, respectively. Federal jobs increased to 36,000 over the month.

Lackluster Hiring in the Private Sector...

South Carolina's private employers hired far fewer seasonal employees during June than in previous years. Trade employers added 2,500 jobs during the month. Within trade, eating and drinking places, general merchandise stores and food stores accounted for the entire gain while building materials and garden supplies cut 200 positions because of reduced demand. Trade employment ended the month at 338,400. The service job count, up 300 to an all-time high of 304,900 experienced seasonal growth in hotels and other lodging places, and health services of 1,100 and 700, respectively. However, summer workforce reductions in educational services of 3,700 almost entirely offset these lackluster gains. Transportation and public utilities rose 600 to 64,500 on the strength of a 300 increase in trucking and warehousing. Electric, gas and sanitary employers also added 200 workers. The state's manufacturers recorded their second straight monthly employment increase with a gain of 500 jobs to 366,600. Within manufacturing, durable-and-nondurable good employers filled 100 and 400 jobs, respectively. In the nondurables area, textile employment jumped 500 to 92,200 but was dampened by a 600 decline in apparel and other textiles. The manufacturing workweek in the state held steady at 41.8 hours, and average hourly earnings edged up $0.02 to $9.46. Nationally, the manufacturing workweek increased 0.2 hour to 41.1 hours while average hourly earnings gained $0.01 to $11.45. Productivity at South Carolina's factories inched up 0.2 point to 100.5 points. Durable goods posted a 0.9 point climb in output per hour attributed to an extended workweek. Output in the soft-good industry was up 0.1 point for the month. Employment in finance, insurance, and real estate expanded 400 to 65,800 in June largely because of a tourism-related pickup in real estate. Construction workers continued to suffer from a lack of building activity in the state with a net loss of 500 jobs. Special trade contractors, however, added 300 workers during the month. Mining jobs were unchanged at 1,700.

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Outlook...

South Carolina's economy should register further declines in educational employment in July. Hiring in trade and services will likely remain sluggish, and manufacturing jobs are expected to decrease because of scheduled vacations and layoffs.

For your information...

Effective June, 1992, the Employment Trends will begin publishing National Production Workers, Hours and Earnings as well as Producer Price Index on a monthly basis.

The 1992 edition of the **South Carolina Travel, Tourism, and Entertainment** publication is now available. This publication presents industry employment and total payroll statistics for the state and five substate regions for the rapidly growing "tourism" industry. For more information, contact the Labor Market Information Division at P.O. Box 995, Columbia, S.C., or call at (803) 737-2660.

Civilian Labor Force Summary
June 1992

	June 1992	May 1992	June 1991
United States (seas. adj.)			
Civilian Labor Force	127,549,000	127,160,000	125,524,000
Total Employment	117,574,000	117,656,000	116,909,000
Total Unemployment	9,975,000	9,504,000	8,615,000
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.8	7.5	6.9
South Carolina (seas. adj.)			
Civilian Labor Force	1,759,100	1,760,400	1,754,700
Total Employment	1,647,500	1,643,400	1,639,100
Total Unemployment	111,700	117,000	115,600
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.3	6.6	6.6
Greenville-Spartanburg MSA			
Civilian Labor Force	350,870	346,600	349,280
Total Employment	331,620	328,450	328,830
Total Unemployment	19,250	18,150	20,450
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.5	5.2	5.9
Columbia MSA			
Civilian Labor Force	250,360	246,770	260,940
Total Employment	237,990	234,790	247,320
Total Unemployment	12,370	11,980	13,620
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.9	4.9	5.2
Charleston MSA			
Civilian Labor Force	252,280	246,140	246,870
Total Employment	236,160	231,300	233,590
Total Unemployment	16,120	14,840	13,280
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.4	6.0	5.4

Labor Force and Unemployment for Selected Cities in South Carolina

June 1992

City	Labor Force			Unemployment			Unemployment Rate (%)		
	June 1992	May 1992	June 1991	June 1992	May 1992	June 1991	June 1992	May 1992	June 1991
Anderson	13,950	13,750	13,860	1,180	1,130	1,310	8.4	8.2	9.5
Charleston	41,460	40,420	40,560	2,710	2,470	2,230	6.5	6.1	5.5
Columbia	49,230	48,530	51,410	3,080	3,000	3,450	6.3	6.2	6.7
Florence	17,010	16,790	16,700	1,210	1,100	1,090	7.1	6.6	6.5
Goose Creek	7,390	7,210	7,210	480	440	380	6.5	6.1	5.3
Greenville	35,460	35,040	35,240	2,310	2,210	2,360	6.5	6.3	6.7
Mt. Pleasant	9,660	9,440	9,500	320	290	260	3.3	3.1	2.7
Myrtle Beach	15,130	14,840	15,120	710	640	660	4.7	4.3	4.4
North Charleston	25,120	24,430	24,420	2,530	2,300	2,070	10.1	9.4	8.5
Rock Hill	24,420	23,990	23,850	2,000	1,960	2,020	8.2	8.2	8.5
Spartanburg	24,150	23,780	24,120	1,610	1,460	1,780	6.7	6.2	7.4
Sumter	12,640	12,360	12,110	1,090	1,050	1,350	8.7	8.5	11.1

Labor Force and Unemployment In South Carolina by County and Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA)
June 1992

County	Labor Force			Unemployment			Unemployment Rate (%)		
	June 1992	May 1992	June 1991	June 1992	May 1992	June 1991	June 1992	May 1992	June 1991
Abbeville	11,230	11,010	10,980	820	730	1,050	7.3	6.6	9.6
Aiken	71,390	69,530	69,940	3,990	3,360	4,030	5.6	4.8	5.8
Allendale	5,970	6,040	6,030	510	490	660	8.6	8.1	10.9
Anderson MSA	72,040	71,040	71,400	4,700	4,490	5,230	6.5	6.3	7.3
Bamberg	6,940	6,800	6,970	740	730	860	10.6	10.7	12.3
Barnwell	9,630	9,280	9,280	1,280	1,200	1,450	13.3	13.0	15.6
Beaufort	39,910	38,800	39,410	1,870	1,650	1,720	4.7	4.3	4.4
Berkeley	57,260	55,850	55,950	3,470	3,170	2,750	6.1	5.7	4.9
Calhoun	4,970	4,800	4,870	430	420	470	8.6	8.7	9.7
Charleston	155,030	151,120	151,600	10,400	9,470	8,540	6.7	6.3	5.6
Cherokee	23,670	23,200	23,590	1,610	1,490	1,970	6.8	6.4	8.4
Chester	14,640	13,890	14,630	1,780	1,690	2,300	12.1	12.2	15.7
Chesterfield	21,650	21,280	21,560	1,290	1,180	1,420	6.0	5.5	6.6
Clarendon	12,420	12,030	12,690	1,390	1,230	1,300	11.2	10.2	10.2
Colleton	19,210	18,670	19,030	1,610	1,440	1,760	8.4	7.7	9.2
Darlington	30,780	30,260	30,100	2,940	2,630	2,720	9.6	8.7	9.0
Dillon	14,560	14,120	14,680	1,480	1,340	1,760	10.2	9.5	12.0
Dorchester	39,990	39,170	39,320	2,250	2,210	1,990	5.6	5.6	5.1
Edgefield	7,270	7,090	7,330	580	460	490	8.0	6.5	6.7
Fairfield	10,150	10,070	10,470	990	980	1,570	9.7	9.7	15.0
Florence MSA	61,790	60,970	60,650	4,640	4,240	4,190	7.5	7.0	6.9
Georgetown	24,720	24,430	23,890	1,930	1,830	1,960	7.8	7.5	8.2
Greenville	182,070	179,980	180,840	9,930	9,490	10,150	5.5	5.3	5.6
Greenwood	29,730	29,300	29,380	2,220	2,060	2,450	7.5	7.0	8.3
Hampton	7,450	7,260	7,670	700	620	820	9.4	8.5	10.7
Horry	83,910	82,150	83,720	5,620	5,060	5,200	6.7	6.2	6.2
Jasper	6,570	6,580	6,400	470	370	410	7.2	5.6	6.4
Kershaw	20,680	20,310	20,540	1,940	1,810	2,190	9.4	8.9	10.7
Lancaster	26,090	25,580	26,490	2,540	2,420	2,600	9.7	9.5	9.8
Laurens	24,640	24,320	24,970	1,900	1,770	1,950	7.7	7.3	7.8
Lee	9,490	9,280	9,260	760	640	680	8.0	6.9	7.3
Lexington	100,120	98,650	104,180	4,480	4,290	4,790	4.5	4.4	4.6
McCormick	3,150	3,040	3,360	390	310	450	12.4	10.2	13.4
Marion	15,510	15,090	16,080	2,100	1,910	2,360	13.6	12.6	14.7
Marlboro	12,190	12,030	12,780	1,220	1,180	1,720	10.0	9.8	13.5
Newberry	16,210	15,840	15,890	1,400	1,170	1,120	8.6	7.4	7.0
Oconee	29,760	29,540	30,420	2,390	2,410	2,780	8.0	8.1	9.1
Orangeburg	41,330	41,100	41,040	3,840	3,430	3,510	9.3	8.3	8.6
Pickens	50,900	50,390	50,800	2,750	2,700	3,050	5.4	5.3	6.0
Richland	150,240	148,120	156,750	7,890	7,690	8,830	5.3	5.2	5.6
Saluda	9,590	9,370	8,960	560	480	520	5.8	5.1	5.8
Spartanburg	117,900	116,230	117,640	6,570	5,970	7,250	5.6	5.1	6.2
Sumter	41,650	40,720	39,880	3,510	3,380	4,350	8.4	8.3	10.9
Union	14,740	14,500	14,410	1,290	1,210	1,390	8.7	8.4	9.6
Williamsburg	17,390	16,700	17,230	1,500	1,280	1,720	8.6	7.7	10.0
York	76,300	74,970	74,480	5,290	5,190	5,320	6.9	6.9	7.1
Charleston MSA	252,280	246,140	246,870	16,120	14,840	13,280	6.4	6.0	5.4
Columbia MSA	250,360	246,770	260,940	12,370	11,980	13,620	4.9	4.9	5.2
Greenville MSA	350,870	346,600	349,280	19,250	18,150	20,450	5.5	5.2	5.9
South Carolina (seas. adj.)	**1,759.1**	**1,760.4**	**1754.7**	**111.7**	**117.0**	**115.6**	**6.3**	**6.6**	**6.6**

Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment in South Carolina
June 1992

	June 1992	May 1992	June 1991	Net Changes From: May 1992	Net Changes From: June 1991
Total Nonagricultural Employment	**1,502,000**	**1,504,600**	**1,528,500**	**-2,600**	**-26,500**
Total Private	**1,220,300**	**1,216,500**	**1,245,300**	**+3,800**	**-25,000**
Mining	**1,700**	**1,700**	**1,900**	**0**	**-200**
Construction	**78,400**	**78,900**	**89,700**	**-500**	**-11,300**
Heavy Construction, Excluding Building	9,600	9,900	11,400	-300	-1,800
Highway and Street Construction	2,600	2,700	2,800	-100	-200
Heavy Construction, Excluding Highway	7,000	7,200	8,600	-200	-1,600
Special Trade Contractors	41,200	40,900	45,300	+300	-4,100
Plumbing, Heating, Air Conditioning	9,900	9,800	11,100	+100	-1,200
Electrical Work	9,600	9,600	10,200	0	-600
Manufacturing	**366,600**	**366,100**	**369,200**	**+500**	**-2,600**
Durable Goods	127,200	127,100	130,900	+100	-3,700
Lumber and Wood Products	13,900	13,800	14,400	+100	-500
Sawmills and Planing Mills	4,300	4,300	4,600	0	-300
Millwork, Plywood, and Structural Members	2,900	2,800	3,200	+100	-300
Furniture and Fixtures	4,100	4,100	4,000	0	+100
Household Furniture	3,000	3,000	2,900	0	+100
Stone, Clay, and Glass Products	8,900	8,900	9,600	0	-700
Glass and Glassware, Pressed or Blown	3,100	3,100	3,300	0	-200
Concrete, Gypsum, and Plaster Products	2,300	2,300	2,600	0	-300
Primary Metal Industries	8,900	9,000	8,800	-100	+100
Fabricated Metal Products	16,200	16,400	16,600	-200	-400
Cutlery, Hand Tools, and Hardware	2,100	2,300	2,500	-200	-400
Fabricated Structural Metal Products	6,100	6,100	6,100	0	0
Industrial Machinery and Equipment	35,200	35,000	36,100	+200	-900
Metalworking Machinery	5,900	5,800	6,300	+100	-400
Special Industry Machinery	5,500	5,500	5,600	0	-100
General Industrial Machinery	7,300	7,300	7,500	0	-200
Electronic and Other Electric Equipment	21,100	21,100	21,800	0	-700
Electrical Industrial Apparatus	2,000	2,000	2,400	0	-400
Household Appliances	3,500	3,400	3,100	+100	+400
Electronic Components and Accessories	7,000	7,100	7,400	-100	-400
Transportation Equipment	9,900	9,800	10,400	+100	-500
Instruments and Related Products	5,500	5,500	5,700	0	-200
Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries	3,500	3,500	3,500	0	0
Nondurable Goods	239,400	239,000	238,300	+400	+1,100
Food and Kindred Products	14,400	14,500	14,400	-100	0
Meat Products	5,500	5,500	5,200	0	+300
Beverages	2,000	2,000	2,300	0	-300
Textile Mill Products	92,200	91,700	93,500	+500	-1,300
Broadwoven Fabric Mills, Cotton	22,900	23,100	24,400	-200	-1,500
Broadwoven Fabric Mills, Manmade	22,700	22,600	23,300	+100	-600
Knitting Mills	7,000	7,000	7,000	0	0
Textile Finishing, Except Wool	15,200	14,900	15,000	+300	+200
Finishing Plants, Cotton	7,700	7,700	7,800	0	-100
Finishing Plants, Manmade	6,600	6,500	6,300	+100	+300
Yarn and Thread Mills	10,000	9,800	9,800	+200	+200
Yarn Spinning Mills	9,300	9,200	9,200	+100	+100
Miscellaneous Textile Goods	7,100	7,000	7,000	+100	+100
Apparel and Other Textile Products	37,000	37,600	37,300	-600	-300
Men's and Boys' Furnishings	9,800	9,800	9,300	0	+500
Men's and Boys' Shirts	5,300	5,300	5,300	0	0
Women's and Misses' Outerwear	11,400	11,600	11,700	-200	-300
Women's and Misses' Blouses and Shirts	3,400	3,300	3,400	+100	0
Women's and Children's Undergarments	1,700	1,700	1,800	0	-100
Girls and Children's Outerwear	1,700	2,000	2,000	-300	-300
Miscellaneous Apparel and Accesories	2,200	2,200	2,200	0	0
Miscellaneous Fabricated Textile Products	9,300	9,500	9,500	-200	-200

Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment in South Carolina (continued)

	June 1992	May 1992	June 1991	Net Changes From: May 1992	Net Changes From: June 1991
Paper and Allied Products	18,000	17,900	17,500	+100	+500
Paperboard Mills	3,200	3,200	3,100	0	+100
Paperboard Containers and Boxes	6,000	6,000	6,000	0	0
Miscellaneous Converted Paper Products	4,900	4,900	4,700	0	+200
Printing and Publishing	11,500	11,400	11,700	+100	-200
Newspapers	4,300	4,300	4,400	0	-100
Commercial Printing	4,700	4,700	4,800	0	-100
Chemicals and Allied Products	41,900	41,600	40,400	+300	+1,500
Plastics Materials and Synthetics	15,100	15,000	14,900	+100	+200
Industrial Organic Chemicals	3,300	3,200	3,100	+100	+200
Rubber and Miscellaneous Plastics Products	23,400	23,200	22,800	+200	+600
Fabricated Rubber Products, Not Elsewhere Classified	2,900	2,900	2,800	0	+100
Misc. Plastics Products, Not Elsewhere Classified	10,400	10,200	10,000	+200	+400
Transportation and Public Utilities	**64,500**	**63,900**	**65,500**	**+600**	**-1,000**
Trucking and Warehousing	19,700	19,400	19,700	+300	0
Water Transportation	3,300	3,400	3,400	-100	-100
Communications	13,200	13,100	13,600	+100	-400
Telephone Communications	8,700	8,600	9,200	+100	-500
Electric, Gas, and Sanitary Services	16,200	16,000	16,200	+200	0
Electric Services	9,000	9,000	9,300	0	-300
Combination Utility Services	4,300	4,300	4,300	0	0
Wholesale and Retail Trade	**338,400**	**335,900**	**349,100**	**+2,500**	**-10,700**
Wholesale Trade	57,600	57,500	59,300	+100	-1,700
Wholesale Trade—Durable Goods	31,400	31,500	32,500	-100	-1,100
Machinery, Equipment, and Supplies	9,100	9,100	9,600	0	-500
Wholesale Trade—Nondurable Goods	26,200	26,000	26,800	+200	-600
Groceries and Related Products	8,800	8,700	9,200	+100	-400
Groceries, General Line	4,500	4,500	4,400	0	+100
Petroleum and Petroleum Products	3,600	3,600	3,300	0	+300
Retail Trade	280,800	278,400	289,800	+2,400	-9,000
Building Materials and Garden Supplies	11,200	11,400	11,900	-200	-700
Lumber and Other Building Materials	6,400	6,500	6,300	-100	+100
General Merchandise Stores	34,000	34,100	35,800	-100	-1,800
Food Stores	53,100	52,200	52,000	+900	+1,100
Grocery Stores	50,100	49,300	48,900	+800	+1,200
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	**65,800**	**65,400**	**66,900**	**+400**	**-1,100**
Depository Institutions	22,300	22,200	22,900	+100	-600
Commercial Banks	15,200	15,100	15,700	+100	-500
National Commercial Banks	9,100	9,000	9,300	+100	-200
Insurance Carriers	13,100	13,000	13,300	+100	-200
Life Insurance	5,200	5,200	5,400	0	-200
Services	**304,900**	**304,600**	**303,000**	**+300**	**+1,900**
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	24,800	23,700	26,400	+1,100	-1,600
Health Services	65,000	64,300	62,500	+700	+2,500
Nursing and Personal Care Facilities	12,400	12,300	12,000	+100	+400
Hospitals	23,400	23,100	22,200	+300	+1,200
Educational Services	23,200	26,900	23,000	-3,700	+200
Colleges and Universities	12,500	15,800	13,200	-3,300	-700
Total Government	**281,700**	**288,100**	**283,200**	**-6,400**	**-1,500**
Total Federal Government	36,000	35,800	38,500	+200	-2,500
Total State and Local Government	245,700	252,300	244,700	-6,600	+1,000
Total State Government	97,800	102,500	97,400	-4,700	+400
State Government Education	38,300	43,300	38,200	-5,000	+100
Other State Government	59,500	59,200	59,200	+300	+300
Total Local Government	147,900	149,800	147,300	-1,900	+600
Local Government Education	76,200	80,100	78,700	-3,900	-2,500
Other Local Government	71,700	69,700	68,600	+2,000	+3,100

Seasonally Adjusted Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment in South Carolina
June 1992

	June 1992	May 1992	June 1991	Net Change From: May 1992	Net Change From: June 1991
Total Nonagricultural Employment	**1,485,200**	**1,492,000**	**1,511,300**	**-6,800**	**-26,100**
Total Private	**1,201,000**	**1,209,500**	**1,226,300**	**-8,500**	**-25,300**
Construction	**77,100**	**78,900**	**88,200**	**-1,800**	**-11,100**
Manufacturing	**364,700**	**366,800**	**367,400**	**-2,100**	**-2,700**
Durable Goods	126,300	126,900	130,000	-600	-3,700
Lumber and Wood Products	13,600	13,700	14,100	-100	-500
Furniture and Fixtures	4,100	4,000	4,000	+100	+100
Stone, Clay, and Glass Products	8,800	8,800	9,500	0	-700
Primary Metal Industries	8,900	9,000	8,800	-100	+100
Fabricated Metal Products	16,200	16,500	16,600	-300	-400
Industrial Machinery and Equipment	34,900	34,900	35,800	0	-900
Special Industry Machinery	5,500	5,500	5,600	0	-100
Electronic and Other Electric Equipment	21,000	21,200	21,700	-200	-700
Nondurable Goods	238,400	239,900	237,300	-1,500	+1,100
Food and Kindred Products	14,400	14,600	14,400	-200	0
Textile Mill Products	91,700	91,700	93,000	0	-1,300
Broadwoven Fabric Mills, Cotton	22,900	23,300	24,400	-400	-1,500
Broadwoven Fabric Mills, Manmade	22,700	22,600	23,300	+100	-600
Knitting Mills	6,900	6,900	6,900	0	0
Textile Finishing, Except Wool	15,200	15,000	15,000	+200	+200
Yarn and Thread Mills	9,900	9,700	9,700	+200	+200
Apparel and Other Textile Products	36,800	37,900	37,100	-1,100	-300
Men's and Boys' Furnishings	9,600	9,700	9,100	-100	+500
Women's and Misses' Outerwear	11,400	11,700	11,700	-300	-300
Miscellaneous Fabricated Textile Products	9,300	9,600	9,500	-300	-200
Paper and Allied Products	17,800	17,900	17,300	-100	+500
Printing and Publishing	11,400	11,400	11,600	0	-200
Chemicals and Allied Products	41,800	42,000	40,300	-200	+1,500
Plastic Materials and Synthetics	15,000	15,000	14,800	0	+200
Transportation and Public Utilities	**63,900**	**63,800**	**64,900**	**+100**	**-1,000**
Trucking and Warehousing	19,600	19,500	19,600	+100	0
Communication	13,100	13,100	13,500	0	-400
Electric, Gas, and Sanitary Services	16,100	15,900	16,100	+200	0
Wholesale and Retail Trade	**330,300**	**333,100**	**340,700**	**-2,800**	**-10,400**
Wholesale Trade	57,300	57,600	58,900	-300	-1,600
Retail Trade	273,000	275,500	281,700	-2,500	-8,700
General Merchandise Stores	34,300	34,600	36,100	-300	-1,800
Food Stores	52,300	51,900	51,200	+400	+1,100
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	**64,700**	**65,100**	**65,800**	**-400**	**-1,100**
Insurance Carriers	13,000	13,000	13,200	0	-200
Services	**298,600**	**300,000**	**296,800**	**-1,400**	**+1,800**
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	22,000	22,000	23,400	0	-1,400
Educational Services	25,200	25,900	25,100	-700	+100
Total Government	**284,200**	**282,500**	**284,900**	**+1,700**	**-700**
Total Federal Government	35,100	35,300	37,500	-200	-2,400
Total State Government	100,900	102,100	100,600	-1,200	+300
Total Local Government	148,200	145,100	147,700	+3,100	+500

Estimated Number of Manufacturing Production Workers Employment and Average Hours and Earnings in South Carolina

June 1992

Manufacturing Production Workers Employment

	June 1992	May 1992	June 1991	Net Change From: May 1992	Net Change From: June 1991
Manufacturing	**275,200**	**274,700**	**277,700**	**+500**	**-2,500**
Durable Goods	**94,800**	**94,500**	**97,600**	**+300**	**-2,800**
Lumber and Wood Products	11,300	11,200	11,700	+100	-400
Furniture and Fixtures	2,700	2,800	2,700	-100	0
Stone, Clay, and Glass Products	7,000	7,000	7,500	0	-500
Fabricated Metal Products	11,200	11,300	11,500	-100	-300
Industrial Machinery and Equipment	25,700	25,600	26,400	+100	-700
Special Industry Machinery	3,600	3,700	3,700	-100	-100
Electronic and Other Electric Equipment	16,000	15,900	16,300	+100	-300
Instruments and Related Products	4,300	4,200	4,400	+100	-100
Nondurable Goods	**180,400**	**180,200**	**180,100**	**+200**	**+300**
Food and Kindred Products	10,100	10,200	9,900	-100	+200
Textile Mill Products	78,900	78,600	80,200	+300	-1,300
Broadwoven Fabric Mills, Cotton	21,100	21,300	22,400	-200	-1,300
Broadwoven Fabric Mills, Manmade	19,800	19,700	20,200	+100	-400
Knitting Mills	6,100	6,100	6,200	0	-100
Textile Finishing, Except Wool	12,200	12,000	12,200	+200	0
Yarn and Thread Mills	8,500	8,400	8,400	+100	+100
Apparel and Other Textile Products	30,400	30,900	30,700	-500	-300
Men's and Boys' Furnishings	8,800	8,700	8,300	+100	+500
Women's and Misses' Outerwear	9,200	9,300	9,400	-100	-200
Paper and Allied Products	12,300	12,200	11,900	+100	+400
Printing and Publishing	6,200	6,100	6,200	+100	0
Chemicals and Allied Products	24,300	24,100	23,400	+200	+900

	Average Weekly Earnings ($)			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings ($)		
	June 1992	May 1992	June 1991	June 1992	May 1992	June 1991	June 1992	May 1992	June 1991
Manufacturing	**395.43**	**394.59**	**374.74**	**41.8**	**41.8**	**41.0**	**9.46**	**9.44**	**9.14**
Durable Goods	**414.62**	**411.84**	**383.72**	**43.1**	**42.9**	**41.8**	**9.62**	**9.60**	**9.18**
Lumber and Wood Products	332.64	332.64	327.47	42.0	42.0	42.2	7.92	7.92	7.76
Furniture and Fixtures	295.92	296.12	279.40	41.1	40.9	39.8	7.20	7.24	7.02
Stone, Clay, and Glass Products	443.04	447.49	420.21	41.6	41.9	40.6	10.65	10.68	10.35
Fabricated Metal Products	412.72	402.82	383.23	42.2	41.4	40.9	9.78	9.73	9.37
Industrial Machinery and Equipment	449.52	447.34	409.91	43.6	43.6	41.7	10.31	10.26	9.83
Special Industry Machinery	454.52	452.03	445.21	44.3	44.1	44.7	10.26	10.25	9.96
Electronic and Other Elect. Equip.	387.72	383.78	371.85	42.7	42.5	42.4	9.08	9.03	8.77
Instruments and Related Products	406.75	403.20	378.29	45.6	45.0	44.4	8.92	8.96	8.52
Nondurable Goods	**386.04**	**385.22**	**369.87**	**41.2**	**41.2**	**40.6**	**9.37**	**9.35**	**9.11**
Food and Kindred Products	332.91	332.91	320.23	41.1	41.1	39.1	8.10	8.10	8.19
Textile Mill Products	364.32	364.79	338.75	41.4	41.5	39.9	8.80	8.79	8.49
Broadwoven Fabric Mills, Cotton	368.42	369.90	348.33	40.8	41.1	39.9	9.03	9.00	8.73
Broadwoven Fabric Mills, Manmade	383.76	383.11	342.65	41.0	40.8	38.2	9.36	9.39	8.97
Knitting Mills	320.12	318.52	280.24	42.4	42.3	38.6	7.55	7.53	7.26
Textile Finishing, Except Wool	371.74	373.09	365.87	42.1	42.3	42.2	8.83	8.82	8.67
Yarn and Thread Mills	316.33	320.58	301.29	40.4	41.1	39.8	7.83	7.80	7.57
Apparel and Other Textile Products	244.48	240.15	230.02	38.2	37.7	37.1	6.40	6.37	6.20
Men's and Boys' Furnishings	257.11	253.49	231.65	39.8	39.3	38.1	6.46	6.45	6.08
Women's and Misses' Outerwear	207.39	206.83	204.98	37.3	37.0	37.0	5.56	5.59	5.54
Paper and Allied Products	608.76	611.89	586.75	45.6	45.8	45.1	13.35	13.36	13.01
Printing and Publishing	385.32	383.55	361.95	39.0	38.9	37.9	9.88	9.86	9.55
Chemicals and Allied Products	514.98	513.30	498.46	41.8	41.8	41.4	12.32	12.28	12.04

Agricultural News

Seasonal Labor... Approximately 4,655 seasonal farmworkers were employed throughout South Carolina in June.

Weather Conditions... Rain, thunderstorms, and cooler than normal temperatures prevailed throughout the state in June, with some brief periods of clear weather. Although these conditions hampered small grain harvesting, they improved soil moisture conditions. By the week ending June 28, 1992, soil moisture ratings were 50 percent short, 48 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus. An average of 4.4 days per week were available for fieldwork activities.

Field Crops... Cotton squaring began and progressed well behind the normal pace, with the crop condition rated as fair to good. Tobacco topping proceeded ahead of the normal pace for the time of year, and the crop condition was rated as fair to good. Sorghum and sweet potato planting were progressing well behind the 5-year average. Both corn silking and soybean planting were also behind the normal pace, with each crop condition rated as fair to good.

Fruits and Vegetables... By the end of June, peach and tomato harvesting and snap bean planting were all behind their normal paces, with the peach crop condition rated as fair, and the tomato and snap bean crop conditions each rated as fair to good. Cantaloup harvesting was progressing near the normal pace, with the crop condition rated as fair to good. Cucumber harvesting jumped ahead of last year's pace, and the crop condition was rated as fair to good.

Small Grains and Pastures... Small grain harvesting was well behind the normal pace for the time of year, with the crop condition rated as fair to good. Pastures were also rated as fair to good.

South Carolina Weekly Crop Statistics
Week Ending June 28,1992

Crop	Phase	Percent Completed(%) Current	Year Ago
Barley	Ripe	89	96
Cantaloups	Harvested	30	50
Corn	Dough Stage	18	44
Cotton	Squaring	32	71
Cucumbers	Harvested	71	66
Grain Hay	Harvested	90	94
Oats	Harvested	74	94
Peaches	Harvested	25	29
Rye	Harvested	59	84
Snap Beans	Planted	90	91
Sorghum	Planted	59	76
Soybeans	Planted	77	88
Sweet Potatoes	Planted	77	91
Tobacco	Harvested	4	6
Tomatoes	Harvested	24	61
Watermelons	Harvested	21	48
Wheat	Harvested	72	96

Metropolitan Statistical Area News

Summary

Total nonfarm employment in the state's major metropolitan statistical areas, heavily impacted by schools releasing nonfaculty personnel for the summer, dropped 4,500 jobs in June. This drop, reflected chiefly in the government and service sectors, completely overpowered the gain of 1,300 trade jobs.

Charleston MSA
(includes Berkeley, Charleston, and Dorchester counties)

Charleston's nonfarm employment experienced an increase of 400 jobs in June. This upturn occurred despite heavy declines in local government educational services brought on by schools discharging nonfaculty workers for the summer. Continued growth in the area's trade and service industries, fueled by tourism as the summer season opened up, caused the expansion in employment.

Although the MSA recorded an increase in jobs, the area's unemployment rate climbed 0.4 percentage point. Dorchester County's rate, 5.6%, was unchanged from May. However, the Berkeley and Charleston county rates each rose 0.4 percentage point, to 6.1% and 6.7%, respectively.

Columbia MSA
(includes Lexington and Richland counties)

Nonfarm employment in the Columbia metropolitan area lost 1,900 jobs in June, with large decreases in services, and state and local government. Schools releasing workers for summer vacation accounted for the decline. Obscured by these losses, moderate gains did occur in construction; manufacturing; trade; and finance, insurance, and real estate. Construction witnessed the greatest increase, adding 500 jobs to the area in June.

Although the area recorded a drop in the number of jobs, unemployment managed to hold steady at the May rate of 4.9%. The rates for Lexington and Richland counties were 4.5% and 5.3%, respectively.

Greenville-Spartanburg MSA
(includes Greenville, Pickens, and Spartanburg counties)

The Greenville-Spartanburg metro area suffered the greatest loss in the workforce, dropping 3,000. The brunt of the job reduction was in the service and government sectors, brought on by the release of nonfaculty personnel for the summer. However, construction also lost 400 jobs because of decreasing business. Employment was unchanged in manufacturing, and transportation and public utilities. Eating and drinking places contributed most of the 300 new trade jobs in the area, and increased business added 200 jobs to the finance, insurance, and real estate sector.

At 5.5%, the unemployment rate for the Greenville-Spartanburg area reflected the loss of jobs. The rate was 0.3 percentage point above the May rate. Spartanburg County was hardest hit, rising from 5.1% to 5.6%. Tied at 5.3% in May, Greenville and Pickens counties climbed to 5.5% and 5.4%, respectively.

Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment
in the Major Metropolitan Statistical Areas
June 1992

	Greenville-Spartanburg			Columbia			Charleston		
	June 1992	May 1992	June 1991	June 1992	May 1992	June 1991	June 1992	May 1992	June 1991
Total Nonagricultural Employment	**327,800**	**330,800**	**330,400**	**240,900**	**242,800**	**243,700**	**206,700**	**206,300**	**207,600**
Total Private	**284,900**	**286,100**	**287,100**	**175,700**	**175,300**	**176,800**	**151,500**	**150,700**	**153,200**
Construction and Mining	**21,600**	**22,000**	**23,400**	**11,800**	**11,300**	**12,900**	**12,700**	**13,000**	**13,900**
Special Trade Contractors	10,500	10,500	10,900						
Manufacturing	**93,900**	**93,900**	**95,300**	**26,000**	**25,800**	**26,400**	**20,500**	**20,500**	**21,000**
Durable Goods	32,500	32,300	32,900	11,800	11,700	12,000	11,200	11,200	11,600
Lumber and Wood Products	1,400	1,300	1,400	500	500	600	1,900	1,900	2,100
Stone, Clay, and Glass Products							800	800	900
Primary Metal Industries and Fabricated Metal Products	6,100	6,000	5,900	3,800	3,800	3,900	2,100	2,100	2,100
Industrial Machinery and Equip.	13,100	13,000	13,000	2,800	2,800	3,100	2,700	2,700	2,700
Metalworking Machinery	2,500	2,400	2,500						
Special Industry Machinery	3,700	3,700	4,100						
Computer and Office Equipment				1,100	1,100	1,300			
Transportation Equipment							1,900	1,900	1,900
Electronic and Other Electric Equip.	6,300	6,400	6,800	2,000	2,000	1,700			
Nondurable Goods	61,400	61,600	62,400	14,200	14,100	14,400	9,300	9,300	9,400
Food and Kindred Products	2,300	2,300	2,500	1,400	1,400	1,400			
Textile Mill Products	28,200	28,100	28,200	1,800	1,800	1,700	2,400	2,400	2,400
Broadwoven Fabric Mills, Cotton	9,200	9,100	9,100						
Broadwoven Fabric Mills, Man.	7,100	7,000	6,900						
Knitting Mills	1,100	1,100	1,100						
Textile Finishing, except Wool	3,100	3,100	3,300						
Carpets and Rugs	1,900	2,000	2,000						
Yarn and Thread Mills	2,700	2,700	2,600						
Apparel and Other Textile Products	5,600	5,900	6,200	1,500	1,500	1,600			
Men's and Boys' Furnishings	700	700	600						
Women's and Children's Outer and Underwear	2,500	2,600	2,900						
Paper and Allied Products	4,900	5,000	5,000	2,200	2,200	2,100	1,900	1,900	1,900
Misc. Converted Paper Products	3,600	3,700	3,600						
Printing and Publishing				2,500	2,500	2,500			
Chemicals and Allied Products	7,800	7,800	8,200	2,700	2,700	2,700	1,900	1,800	1,800
Plastics Materials and Synthetics	4,000	4,000	4,100						
Transportation and Public Utilities	**14,000**	**14,000**	**14,400**	**10,400**	**10,600**	**11,100**	**10,700**	**10,600**	**10,900**
Communications				3,200	3,100	3,400			
Wholesale and Retail Trade	**78,700**	**78,400**	**77,200**	**55,300**	**54,900**	**54,900**	**50,100**	**49,500**	**51,200**
Wholesale Trade	18,400	18,300	18,400	13,000	12,900	13,000	7,900	7,900	8,400
Retail Trade	60,300	60,100	58,800	42,300	42,000	41,900	42,200	41,600	42,800
General Merchandise Stores	7,000	7,000	6,700	5,700	5,700	5,700			
Food Stores				6,500	6,400	6,100			
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	**12,600**	**12,400**	**12,400**	**19,900**	**19,700**	**19,700**	**7,500**	**7,500**	**8,000**
Insurance Carriers				6,500	6,400	6,100			
Services	**64,100**	**65,400**	**64,400**	**52,300**	**53,000**	**51,800**	**50,000**	**49,600**	**48,200**
Health Services	12,900	12,800	12,700	10,500	10,400	10,200			
Hospitals	4,000	4,000	3,900						
Membership Organizations				3,500	3,400	3,100			
Total Government	**42,900**	**44,700**	**43,300**	**65,200**	**67,500**	**66,900**	**55,200**	**55,600**	**54,400**
Total Federal Government	2,100	2,100	2,100	8,300	8,300	8,000	17,100	16,900	16,500
Total State and Local Government	40,800	42,600	41,200	56,900	59,200	58,900	38,100	38,700	35,900
Total State Government	12,700	14,300	13,000	38,000	39,200	39,600	18,800	18,800	16,500
Total Local Government	28,100	28,300	28,200	18,900	20,000	19,300	19,300	19,900	19,400

Estimated Number of Manufacturing Production Workers and Average Hours and Earnings in Major Metropolitan Statistical Areas
June 1992

	Number of Production Workers			Average Hours Worked Per Week			Average Weekly Earnings (Dollars)			Average Hourly Earnings (Dollars)		
	June 1992	May 1992	June 1991	June 1992	May 1992	June 1991	June 1992	May 1992	June 1991	June 1992	May 1992	June 1991
Greenville-Spartanburg												
Manufacturing	71,700	71,800	71,500	42.2	42.2	40.8	406.81	405.96	374.14	9.64	9.62	9.17
Durable Goods	23,100	23,000	23,300	44.7	44.3	42.4	462.20	456.73	417.22	10.34	10.31	9.84
Industrial Machinery and Equipment	9,600	9,400	9,600	46.2	45.7	44.5	510.51	502.70	471.70	11.05	11.00	10.60
Special Industry Machinery	2,400	2,400	2,600	46.2	46.1	45.1	472.16	469.76	446.04	10.22	10.19	9.89
Nondurable Goods	48,600	48,800	48,200	41.0	41.2	40.0	380.48	381.92	353.60	9.28	9.27	8.84
Textile Mill Products	25,000	24,800	24,300	39.9	40.2	39.5	357.50	359.79	337.73	8.96	8.95	8.55
Broadwoven Fabric Mills, Manmade	6,500	6,400	6,100	39.0	39.6	40.7	354.12	360.76	354.90	9.08	9.11	8.72
Knitting Mills	900	900	900	34.1	34.5	37.1	260.18	261.86	284.19	7.63	7.59	7.66
Textile Finishing, Except Wool	2,500	2,500	2,600	43.2	43.5	37.0	370.66	374.97	308.21	8.58	8.62	8.33
Apparel and Other Textile Products	4,700	4,900	5,000	39.9	39.7	36.3	260.55	260.83	227.24	6.53	6.57	6.26
Chemicals and Allied Products	5,100	5,100	5,200	43.6	43.7	42.6	521.89	523.09	488.20	11.97	11.97	11.46
Columbia												
Manufacturing	17,900	17,900	17,500	42.0	41.8	40.8	423.78	421.34	384.74	10.09	10.08	9.43
Durable Goods	7,700	7,700	7,700	40.7	40.6	40.0	379.73	378.80	362.00	9.33	9.33	9.05
Fabricated Metal Products	2,100	2,100	2,100	39.1	39.0	38.4	366.37	365.43	359.04	9.37	9.37	9.35
Industrial Machinery and Equipment	1,300	1,300	1,400	39.9	40.6	43.1	415.36	421.83	444.79	10.41	10.39	10.32
Nondurable Goods	10,200	10,200	9,800	43.0	42.6	41.5	457.09	452.41	402.97	10.63	10.62	9.71
Textile Mill Products	1,700	1,700	1,600	43.4	42.9	37.9	389.30	384.81	333.14	8.97	8.97	8.79
Apparel and Other Textile Products	1,300	1,300	1,400	40.1	39.8	39.7	253.43	251.14	218.35	6.32	6.31	5.50
Charleston												
Manufacturing	14,600	14,600	14,300	42.0	41.8	40.6	406.14	403.37	381.23	9.67	9.65	9.39
Durable Goods	8,600	8,600	8,600	43.2	43.0	41.5	427.25	423.55	394.25	9.89	9.85	9.50
Nondurable Goods	6,000	6,000	5,700	40.3	40.0	39.2	376.81	373.60	361.42	9.35	9.34	9.22
National												
Manufacturing	12,452	12,364	12,512	41.3	41.1	40.9	472.89	470.18	457.26	11.45	11.44	11.18
Durable Goods	6,937	6,905	7,027	41.9	41.7	41.5	504.06	501.23	487.63	12.03	12.02	11.75
Nondurable Goods	5,515	5,459	5,485	40.6	40.4	40.2	434.42	432.28	419.29	10.70	10.70	10.43

Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment in South Carolina Counties
June 1992

	Total Nonfarm Employment			Manufacturing Employment			Nonmanufacturing Employment		
	June 1992	May 1992	June 1991	June 1992	May 1992	June 1991	June 1992	May 1992	June 1991
Abbeville	7,100	7,010	6,910	3,770	3,730	3,630	3,330	3,280	3,280
Aiken	60,200	60,100	59,700	24,600	24,400	23,200	35,600	35,700	36,500
Allendale	4,090	4,050	3,870	1,510	1,510	1,320	2,580	2,540	2,550
Anderson	53,400	53,300	53,200	18,700	18,600	18,600	34,700	34,700	34,600
Bamberg	4,430	4,470	4,440	1,540	1,570	1,490	2,890	2,900	2,950
Barnwell	7,300	7,280	6,870	2,790	2,790	2,540	4,510	4,490	4,330
Beaufort	35,160	35,090	34,560	940	940	970	34,220	34,150	33,590
Berkeley	25,700	25,700	26,500	6,700	6,700	7,100	19,000	19,000	19,400
Calhoun	3,610	3,620	3,560	1,590	1,580	1,540	2,020	2,040	2,020
Charleston	160,400	159,100	160,900	9,300	9,300	9,400	151,100	149,800	151,500
Cherokee	17,880	17,890	17,960	8,630	8,630	8,820	9,250	9,260	9,140
Chester	11,250	11,230	11,260	5,580	5,610	5,730	5,670	5,620	5,530
Chesterfield	14,270	14,270	14,200	8,310	8,280	8,110	5,960	5,990	6,090
Clarendon	6,520	6,530	6,700	1,400	1,400	1,570	5,120	5,130	5,130
Colleton	10,050	10,030	9,940	2,080	2,050	2,070	7,970	7,980	7,870
Darlington	22,250	22,760	21,690	7,540	7,580	7,660	14,710	15,180	14,030
Dillon	8,890	8,890	8,940	3,280	3,260	3,190	5,610	5,630	5,750
Dorchester	20,200	20,100	20,300	4,500	4,500	4,500	15,700	15,600	15,800
Edgefield	4,450	4,500	4,450	1,650	1,710	1,730	2,800	2,790	2,720
Fairfield	7,300	7,320	7,070	2,210	2,200	2,080	5,090	5,120	4,990
Florence	55,100	55,000	55,100	13,400	13,300	13,500	41,700	41,700	41,600
Georgetown	18,680	18,480	17,940	4,990	4,940	4,630	13,690	13,540	13,310
Greenville	189,600	189,400	190,600	46,100	46,100	46,500	143,500	143,300	144,100
Greenwood	28,830	28,870	28,550	10,630	10,640	10,510	18,200	18,230	18,040
Hampton	5,240	5,230	5,360	1,580	1,550	1,620	3,660	3,680	3,740
Horry	71,620	70,280	69,240	6,020	6,030	5,800	65,600	64,250	63,440
Jasper	3,770	3,760	3,620	420	420	380	3,350	3,340	3,240
Kershaw	16,530	16,560	16,210	5,730	5,770	5,720	10,800	10,790	10,490
Lancaster	17,820	17,980	18,370	7,200	7,330	7,570	10,620	10,650	10,800
Laurens	19,750	19,790	20,060	7,310	7,300	7,250	12,440	12,490	12,810
Lee	3,710	3,700	3,630	1,260	1,250	1,200	2,450	2,450	2,430
Lexington	59,600	59,500	60,600	12,100	12,100	12,500	47,500	47,400	48,100
McCormick	2,180	2,140	2,340	620	620	610	1,560	1,520	1,730
Marion	11,950	11,870	12,400	5,220	5,150	5,230	6,730	6,720	7,170
Marlboro	8,540	8,540	8,530	3,640	3,650	3,650	4,900	4,890	4,880
Newberry	11,870	11,930	11,960	4,850	4,860	5,120	7,020	7,070	6,840
Oconee	23,530	23,550	24,330	10,110	10,090	10,260	13,420	13,460	14,070
Orangeburg	30,520	30,630	31,150	9,340	9,460	9,580	21,180	21,170	21,570
Pickens	35,400	35,500	35,100	11,300	11,300	11,300	24,100	24,200	23,800
Richland	183,300	182,800	18,590	13,700	13,700	13,800	169,600	169,100	4,790
Saluda	4,170	4,190	3,870	2,010	2,020	1,750	2,160	2,170	2,120
Spartanburg	105,500	105,400	105,400	36,400	36,500	37,200	69,100	68,900	68,200
Sumter	35,140	34,910	33,010	9,810	9,560	8,850	25,330	25,350	24,160
Union	10,510	10,440	10,270	5,340	5,320	5,250	5,170	5,120	5,020
Williamsburg	10,680	10,680	10,450	5,100	5,060	4,830	5,580	5,620	5,620
York	47,900	47,800	49,100	13,200	13,200	13,500	34,700	34,600	35,600

Female Employment in South Carolina
June 1992

	June 1992	May 1992	June 1991	Net Change From: May 1992	Net Change From: June 1991
Total Nonagricultural Employment	**736,000**	**738,400**	**744,300**	**-2,400**	**-8,300**
Total Private	562,400	560,600	569,800	+1,800	-7,400
Construction	6,500	6,600	8,100	-100	-1,600
Manufacturing	149,100	149,100	150,900	0	-1,800
Durable Goods	41,500	41,300	43,100	+200	-1,400
Lumber and Wood Products	2,200	2,100	2,300	+100	-100
Fabricated Metal Products	3,400	3,500	3,500	-100	-100
Industrial Machinery and Equipment	10,700	10,600	11,100	+100	-400
Electronic and Other Electric Equipment	11,200	11,200	11,600	0	-400
Instruments and Related Products	3,300	3,300	3,500	0	-200
Nondurable Goods	107,600	107,800	107,800	-200	-200
Food and Kindred Products	5,700	5,700	5,400	0	+300
Textile Mill Products	40,800	40,700	41,400	+100	-600
Broadwoven Fabric Mills, Cotton	9,800	9,900	10,500	-100	-700
Broadwoven Fabric Mills, Manmade	10,200	10,100	10,500	+100	-300
Knitting Mills	5,100	5,100	5,100	0	0
Apparel and Other Textile Products	30,000	30,600	30,600	-600	-600
Men's and Boys' Furnishings	8,800	8,700	8,400	+100	+400
Women's and Misses' Outerwear	10,000	10,100	10,300	-100	-300
Paper and Allied Products	3,900	3,900	3,900	0	0
Printing and Publishing	4,800	4,700	4,800	+100	0
Chemicals and Allied Products	11,300	11,300	11,000	0	+300
Rubber and Miscellaneous Plastics Products	10,900	10,800	10,600	+100	+300
Transportation and Public Utilities	**15,900**	**15,700**	**16,300**	**+200**	**-400**
Communications	6,000	5,900	6,200	+100	-200
Wholesale and Retail Trade	**170,700**	**169,400**	**176,600**	**+1,300**	**-5,900**
Wholesale Trade	15,800	15,800	16,200	0	-400
Wholesale Trade—Durable Goods	7,400	7,400	7,700	0	-300
Wholesale Trade—Nondurable Goods	8,400	8,400	8,500	0	-100
Retail Trade	154,900	153,600	160,400	+1,300	-5,500
General Merchandise Stores	24,500	24,500	25,800	0	-1,300
Food Stores	25,500	25,100	25,000	+400	+500
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	**43,200**	**43,000**	**43,900**	**+200**	**-700**
Insurance Carriers	8,300	8,300	8,400	0	-100
Services	**176,900**	**176,700**	**173,900**	**+200**	**+3,000**
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	15,600	14,800	16,600	+800	-1,000
Health Services	54,500	54,000	52,400	+500	+2,100
Hospitals	19,200	18,900	18,200	+300	+1,000
Educational Services	15,700	17,900	15,300	-2,200	+400
Total Government	**173,600**	**177,800**	**174,500**	**-4,200**	**-900**
Total Federal Government	12,100	12,100	13,000	0	-900
Total State and Local Government	161,500	165,700	161,500	-4,200	0
Total State Government	61,200	63,400	60,900	-2,200	+300
State Government Education	18,400	20,800	18,300	-2,400	+100
Other State Government	42,800	42,600	42,600	+200	+200
Total Local Government	100,300	102,300	100,600	-2,000	-300
Local Government Education	60,200	63,300	62,200	-3,100	-2,000
Other Local Government	40,100	39,000	38,400	+1,100	+1,700

National News...

Leading Indicators Drop... The Index of Leading Economic Indicators fell in June for the first time since December, 1991 and hit its lowest level since January, 1991. The 0.2% decline, following a 0.6% gain in May, was further evidence of the economy's vulnerability to stalls. Six of the 11 indicators were down, and one was unchanged for June. Components contributing to the index's decline included workweek length, new claims for unemployment insurance and consumer confidence.

Unemployment Rate Rises... The national unemployment rate climbed 0.3 percentage point to 7.8% inJune, its highest level since March, 1984. Total employment, which had shown no growth since April, was at 117.6 million. The number of jobless increased by 471,000 to nearly 10.0 million in June, 15.8% above the June, 1991 level.

Nonfarm Employment Down... In June, nonfarm payroll employment lost 117,000 jobs. Manufacturing was the hardest hit sector, losing 53,000 jobs as employment continued to drop in the transportation and electronic equipment industries. The number of construction jobs fell by 32,000, negating much of the employment growth that had occurred in recent months. The service-producing sector also declined. Most notably, wholesale trade employment dropped by 16,000, while the number of jobs in retail sales showed no growth during the month. Employment in the service industry was essentially unchanged in June, following healthy job gains since March.

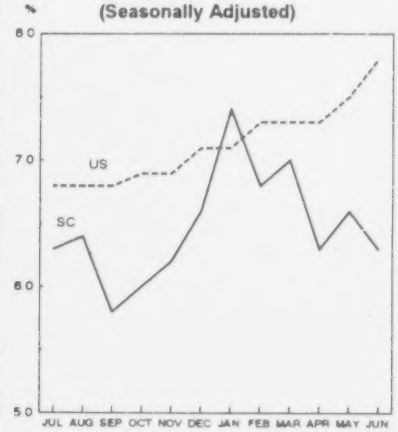
Inflation Edges Up 0.3%... Inflation was up 0.3% in June. The gain put the Consumer Price Index (All Urban Consumers) at 140.2, which was 3.1% above the June, 1991 level. Energy prices shot up 2.0% due to rising oil prices. Out-of-town lodging prices rose by 1.6%, and used-car prices grew substantially for the third consecutive month. The increase in medical-care costs slowed, rising only 0.4% in June. Air fares fell by 6.5%, while food and beverage prices remained stable, rising only 0.1% in June.

Sales Climb 0.5%... Retail sales picked up 0.5% in June following a revised gain of 0.4% in May. A 1.7% surge in automobile sales was the main factor in the increase, fueled by demand from car-rental companies. Excluding autos, retail sales increased only 0.1%, a further indication of sluggish consumer spending.

Industrial Output Falls 0.3%... In June, industrial production sank 0.3 percentage point to 108.2% (1987=100), marking the first drop in five months, although many of the factors contributing to the loss are not likely to be sustained. Part of the decline was blamed on a 3.2% lag in coal production that resulted from the nationwide rail strike. Also, because of inventory cycles, production of autos and trucks tumbled 3.6%. Industry operated at 78.5% of capacity in June, down from 78.9% in May.

Consumer Confidence Holds Steady... The Consumer Confidence Index leveled off at 71.7 in June (1985=100). The measure, which is based on a survey of 5,000 consumers. had risen in theprevious three months. According to the Conference Board, the number of respondents reporting that business conditions are "bad" outnumbered those who felt conditions were "good" by more than 3 to 1, mainly due to continued concern about job prospects.

U.S. and S.C. Unemployment Rates
(Seasonally Adjusted)



U.S. Consumer Price Index (CPI)
All Urban Consumers

Base Year 1982-1984=100.0

	Jun. 1992	May 1992	Jun. 1991
All Items	**140.2**	**139.7**	**136.0**

U.S Producer Price Index (PPI)

Base Year 1982=100.0

	Jun. 1992	May 1992	June 1991
Finished Goods	**123.7**	**123.1**	**121.9**

Technical Notes

South Carolina's Employment Trends is prepared in conjunction with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. The current month's estimates are preliminary while all previous data are subject to revision. Industries are classified according to the Standard Industrial Classification Manual, 1987. All estimates are projected from a first quarter 1991 benchmark.

Nonagricultural wage and salary employment estimates include all full- and part-time wage and salary employees who worked during or received pay for the pay period which includes the 12th of the month. Estimates measure the number of jobs by industry and reflect employment by place of work. Therefore, these data are not strictly comparable with the labor force data which represent persons by place of residence. Excluded from wage and salary estimates are proprietors, self-employed workers, private household employees, and unpaid family workers. A small percentage of wage and salary workers cannot be allocated to specific counties because of the nature of their jobs. Therefore, county data will not add to state totals.

Production worker estimates include full- and part-time employees working within manufacturing industries. Hours worked and earnings data are computed based on payroll figures for the week including the 12th of the month for production workers. Average hourly earnings are calculated on a gross basis, and are affected by such factors as premium pay for overtime and shift differential as well as changes in basic hourly and incentive rates of pay. Average weekly earnings are the product of weekly hours worked and hourly earnings.

Labor force data are adjusted to the Current Population Survey benchmark, and represent employment and unemployment by place of residence. These data are not comparable to the place-of-work industry employment series. Workers involved in labor disputes are counted as employed. Total employment in the labor force also includes agricultural workers, unpaid family workers, domestics, and self-employed. The unemployment rate is calculated by dividing total unemployment by the labor force, and is expressed as a percent. Because of the conceptual differences stated above, total employment may in some instances be lower than nonagricultural wage and salary employment.

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